

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 are currently pending.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 15-26 were withdrawn from consideration (without prejudice or disclaimer and retaining the right to prosecute in a continuing application), in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 25, 2008.

Claims 1, 4, and 7-14 currently stand rejected.

Claims 1, 4, 13, and 14 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

II. Drawings; Priority Documents

The Examiner's statements that the drawings are accepted and that all copies of the certified priority documents have been received are noted with thanks.

III. Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner states that claims 1, 4 and 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the bracketing ("[...]") and "(...)" has been removed. No new matter has been added.

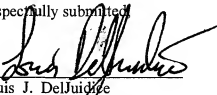
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and same is respectfully requested.

If there are any remaining issues which the Examiner feels can be resolved by a Supplemental Amendment or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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